

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 3-11, with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a ~~continuing application which claims priority from~~ continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/169,079 filed October 9, 1998; now U.S. Patent No. 6,824,777, which is a continuation-in-part of ~~and from~~ United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/901,710, filed July 28, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,107,046; which is a continuation-in-part of both ~~and from~~ U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/340,011, filed November 14, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,776,755; and ~~from~~ United States Patent Application Serial No. 08/257,754, filed June 9, 1994, now abandoned; the latter two of which in turn are continuations-in-part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 07/959,951, filed on October 9, 1992, now abandoned. All of these applications are incorporated herein by reference, in their entireties.